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LOK SABHA

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LINKS OF PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES WITH ISI AND MILITANT ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that private security agencies in the country are having links with the ISI and other militant organisations in the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, whether the Intelligence agencies have failed to break nexus between such security agencies and terrorist groups;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the activities of private security agencies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.124 for 27.11.2001.

(a)to(c): There have been instances where some persons involved with private security agencies were found to be conducting espionage for Pakistan based agencies. Because of the alertness of our counter-intelligence agencies, the espionage rings were busted and the persons involved arrested.

Persons engaging in espionage adopt a variety of covers and the best methodology for detecting and foiling such attempts is to have a strong and counter-espionage network. The Government of India already has a strong and effective counter-intelligence mechanism.

(d): In order to provide for the regulation of private security guards and agencies, the Private Security Guards and Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 1994 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1994.Discussions on the Bill have been inconclusive so far.